



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 0.40 , down 1.6 points from last week.

This Week:

Shell egg demand softens but remains just above average, unusual for this time of the year when demand is traditionally dampened by summer activities. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs are holding steady, but barely, as most have sufficient supplies. Offerings are light to moderate and trading has slowed. Prices on the loose egg market are moving lower with available offerings and adequate supplies. The decline in prices has increased the pace of trading to slow to moderate. Wholesale breaking stock prices remain steady with supplies and offerings in a balance. Interest is good and trading is moderate. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a sharp drop in the level of featuring from last week's level for both conventional caged and specialty shell egg types. The average ad price rises slightly.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (316,626,087), Percentage flock in molt (1.9%), Productive table egg layer flock (310,622,207)

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table with 3 rows: Table egg layer rate (82.3%), Total egg production (255,739,874), Total eggs into breaking stock (80,874,257), Table eggs for in-shell use (174,865,617), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (485,738)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

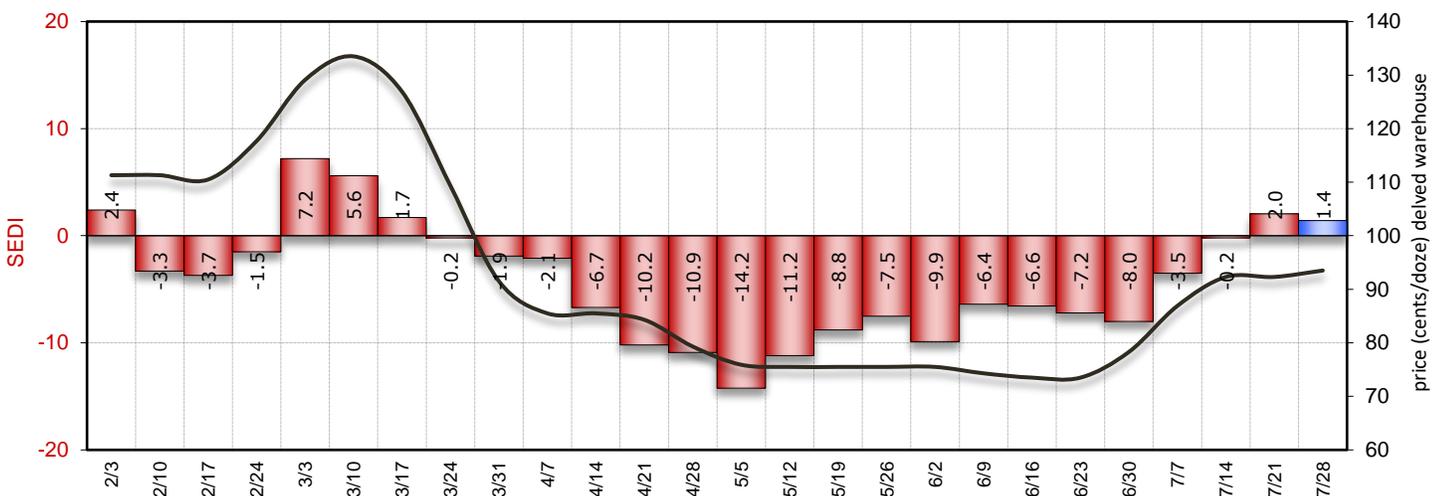
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,533,000), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (63.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (306,015), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (5.03), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (5.01)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

0.40 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) * 100

Shell Egg Demand Indicator vs. USDA Midwest Large Cartoned Shell Egg



Sources: USDA NASS Monthly Chicken and Eggs (pec-bb); Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type; USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; SHELL EGGS: Weekly Shell Egg Inventory (Mon); USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; PROCESSED EGGS: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection (Wed)

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